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SUBJECT: COINS Files

1. Attached are two summaries containing suggestions from COINS users for:

a. Improving the quality and usefulness of existing COINS files (See attachment No. I).

b. Adding new files or types of files to COINS (See Attachment No. II).

2. These suggestions were obtained from a number of different sources, specifically: (a) formal inter-agency request; (2) COINS Users Questionnaire and (c) Qualitation Review and Rating of COINS (in June 1972). Copies of the source documents from which these suggestions were obtained can be obtained from the COINS Project Manager.

3. In summary the general complaints are:

a. Files are not current enough.

b. Files do not contain information from other security compartments (i.e., TK and sensitive SI compartments such as Delta/Gamma.

c. DIA file documentation with exception of the Installation files is generally incomplete and out-of-date, (PACOM/AUGUST 1972).

4. Each agency wants to be self-sufficient when it comes to building and maintaining files because it

a. Can not rely upon another agency to build and maintain a file to meet its needs.

b. Has no control over the file with respect to its content, scopes, sources or file maintenance schedule.

5. When no internal requirements exist an agency sponsoring files or potential files for COINS are reluctant.

- To build and maintain their file for benefit of the Community.

- To modify their file or file maintenance schedule to meet the needs of the Community.

- To put their files on-line in COINS to meet needs of other agencies.

- To build and maintain a new file in COINS for the benefit

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6. Their reluctance is generally accompanied by one or more of the following statements to rationalize their position.

- Not my responsibility to build and maintain a file on-line for the Community.
- Do not have the resources to build and maintain or modify an on-line file for the benefit of the Community.
- Have no internal requirement to modify or to have its file on-line
- Do not believe other agencies have a VALID requirement to access my file on-line
- Security need-to-know controls in COINS are not adequate to handle my files.
- Present files are adequate for the COINS "Experiment".

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